THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D.L. BAITHA): No Conference of Food and Civil Supplies Ministers of all States and Union Territories was held recently to discuss about price situation of essential commodities.

Withdrawal of concessional rate of excise duty on diesel oil used by deep sea fishing trawlers

1884. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Deep sea industry has expressed its concern over the sudden withdrawal of the concessional rate of excise duty of diesel oil used by deep-sea fishing trawlers;

(b) whether this decision of Government is likely to have an adverse impact on the export of marine products and is also likely to make Indian exports uncompetitive in the world markets; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to review its decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) withdrawal of concessional rate of excise duty on diesel oil used by deep sea fishing vessels was announced by the Government in December, 1988. It is too early to say whether it would make Indian marine exports uncompetitive in the world market.

Recommendations of National Commission on Urbanisation

1885. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the main recommedations of the National Commission on Urbanisation during the last three years and what action has been taken thereon; and

(b) what action has been taken on recommendations to improve the financial and managerial capacity of local bodies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) and (b) A copy of the main recommendations of the National Commission on Urbanisation is annexed *[see* Appendix CXLIX, Annexure No. 105]. The recommendations of the Commission have been circulated amongst the State Govts. / UT Administrations, Central Ministries / Deptts. Expert Groups and other Agencies for their comments, as also an action comtemplated by them in pursuance of Commission's recommendations. Based on the comments received from various agencies, an action plan will be prepared. So far as improving the financial and managerial capacity of the Local Bodies is concerned, an infrastructure window has been set-up in HUDCO in order to extend loan assistance for viable schemes to augment municipal infrastructure. The recommendations of the Commission as regards, finance have been considered and broadly endorsed by the Central Council of Ministers for Local Govemment and Mayors. The Question of stepping up thcplap outlay .would be taken up. with the Planning Commission. Since the Local Bodies are. entirely within the Administrative Jurisdiction of State Governments, they have been requested